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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 23, 2000

APPLICATION OF

PEPCO ENERGY SERVICES

CASE NO. PUE000344

For a license to provide  
electricity and natural gas  
services in interim retail  
access pilot programs

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On June 19, 2000, Pepco Energy Services ("Pepco" or "Applicant") filed an application for licensure to provide electricity and natural gas services. In its application, Pepco states that it seeks licensure to participate as a competitive service provider in the interim retail access pilot programs of Virginia Electric and Power Company, American Electric Power - Virginia, Washington Gas Light Company, and Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the captioned application, the Commission is of the opinion that Pepco's application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give notice of its application to appropriate persons; and that the Commission Staff should conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the application and present its findings in a Staff Memorandum.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE000344.

(2) A copy of Pepco's application and supporting documents shall be made available for public inspection in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or can be ordered from Mark S. Kumm, Vice President, Pepco Energy Services, 2000 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, D.C. 20006.

(3) Any interested person may request a copy of the application, accompanying materials, and this Order by directing a request for the same in writing to Mark S. Kumm at the address set forth above. The Applicant shall, within three (3) days of receipt of the request, serve the requested documents upon the person making such request.

(4) On or before July 5, 2000, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order on the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of any county and upon the Mayor or Manager of any county, city, or town (or equivalent officials in counties, towns, and cities having alternate forms of government) lying within the geographic areas approved by the Commission for each pilot program in which the Applicant seeks to participate. Service shall be made by first-class mail or delivery to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(5) Any person desiring to comment in writing on Pepco's application may do so by directing an original and five (5) copies of such comments on or before July 14, 2000, to the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Comments must refer to Case No. PUE000344. On or before July 14, 2000, a copy of any such comments also must be mailed by first-class mail, or hand-delivered, to counsel for Applicant, Adam Chmara, Esquire, Pepco Energy Services, 2000 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, D.C. 20006.

(6) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of Pepco's application and shall present its findings in a Staff Memorandum to be filed on or before July 18, 2000. A copy of the Staff Memorandum shall be mailed to the Applicant and any other person submitting comments.

(7) On or before July 26, 2000, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any response it may have to the Staff Memorandum and any comments that have been filed. A copy of the Applicant's response shall be mailed by overnight delivery to the Commission Staff and any other person submitting comments.

(8) Discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-10-450 to -510, as modified herein. Due to the time-sensitive nature of

this proceeding, the Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within three (3) business days after the receipt of the same. Both the interrogatories or data requests, as well as the responses thereto, shall be transmitted via facsimile as well as by first-class mail.

(9) On or before July 14, 2000, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission proof of the service required in Ordering paragraph (4).

(10) This matter is continued generally.